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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 3641

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS
TO CONTROL ISOTOPIC FUEL
LOADED WITHIN A MATERIAL**

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**Applicant's Response To
The Office Communication of 3/20/03**

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To Whom it Does Concern:

AMENDMENTS OF CLAIMS AND SPECIFICATION

In response to the Office communication dated 3/20/03 (cover as Exhibit "A", attached), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Claims

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

5. A method as in claim 4 wherein said loaded material is a member of the group consisting of palladium, Groups IVb, Vb, and rare earth elements.

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